

MEMPHIS AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERS MEETING
March 14, 2009



President Harry McLellan called the meeting to order at 11:03 am.

A total of 12 members were present.

Secretary's Report: (Bob Waters) January minutes approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: (Karen Clark) Wayne Walker reported that a check for \$20 was sent to the Tennessee Secretary of State as an expenditure for tax exempt status. All tax forms have been filed for 2008.

Committee Reports:

Communications (Cecil Yancy) no report

Yahoo News Group – (Mike Albert) no report

Website – (Chuck Clark)

Wayne Walker stated that MABA could pay \$30 a year to have all outside advertisements (some of these may be offensive) removed from the MABA Website calendar. Similarly, a \$40 fee would be charged to remove outside advertisements from our classified ads section that has recently been added to the MABA Website.

NewsGrass – (Cecil Yancy) no report

Peter Smith reminded us that articles must be received by the 20th of the month to appear in the next month's NewsGrass.

Activities – Gordon Jones and John Gay

Potluck dinner will be held on March 7th at Woodland Presbyterian. Tops BBQ on Sycamore View (also used at Fleener's) will provide barbecue for the dinner. President McLellan will pick up BBQ (4 packs to feed 24 people at \$ 48 per pack), Wayne Walker will bring a PA system, Jim Phillips will arrange for the band line-up, and Larry Bomar will emcee. The event will begin at 4:00 pm.

Regulatory – (James Johnson; Wayne Walker and Peter Smith)

All taxes have been paid for 2008.

Membership – (Gordon Jones)

Gordon will update the 2009 membership list.

Education – (Jim Phillips)

Jim will try and have a workshop every month.

Gary Pierce will provide a dobro workshop on the 21st of March.

Richie Schuman will give music theory workshop in April.

Ed Fleener will have a picnic at the Fleener Pickin Porch during the last Saturday of May.

GRASS – (TBA) no report

Helen Davis has been approached to run the Grass committee.

Lucy Opry – (Beth Mays) no report

Steep Canyon Rangers will play at the Lucy next month.

Welcoming/Caring – Loyce Smith, Jo Edith & James Hudson, Erna Wheeley

Loyce sent six cards out this past month.

New Business:

Discussion to extend the terms of the MABA Board Officer, met with favorable response.

Delta Fair will be held on September 4th through the 13th. There will be free admission if you bring a musical instrument.

John Dillard from Earth Day has asked MABA to supply bands to perform at Shelby

Farms on April 19th for Earth Day. MABA will be compensated for providing bands to play throughout the day. Mark Holder will do sound.

President McLellan adjourned the meeting at 12:19 pm.

Meeting notes taken by Bob Waters.